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Atty. Docket No.: 4764-32	)	
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For: "METHOD FOR THIOSULFATE	)	<u>Filed Electronically</u>
LEACHING OF PRECIOUS METAL-	)	
CONTAINING MATERIALS"	)	
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Mail Stop Amendments  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment After Final to address the final Office Action having a mailing date of December 3, 2008. Also enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the period for response from March 3, 2009 to April 3, 2009. The fee of \$940.00 for filing the RCE and Petition for Extension of Time is being submitted electronically herewith.

Applicant does not believe any other fees are owed for the filing of this Amendment After Final. However, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.